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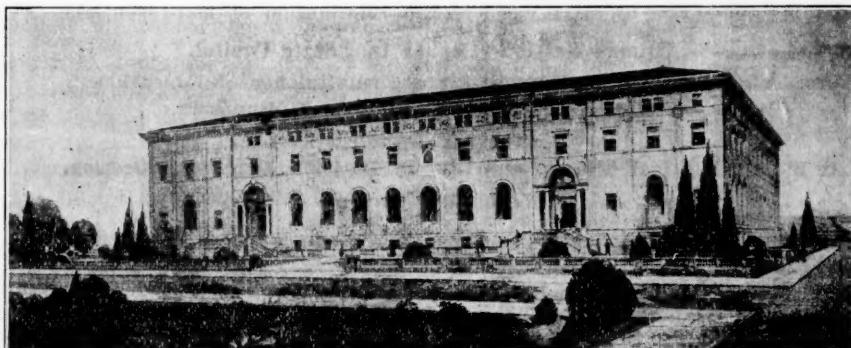
ST. PAUL, MINN.

OCTOBER 31—NOVEMBER 2, 1921

Headquarters:

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ST. PAUL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rooms for committee meetings will be available at the St. Paul Public Library.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Tentative Program.

OCTOBER 31st—NOVEMBER 2nd.

Monday Morning.

Routine business.

Report on status of library legislation, state and national—Miss Baldwin.

Report of Membership committee—Miss Hickman.

Report of Hospital Library work—Miss Carey.

Appointment of standing committees.

Luncheon Session.

Subject: Business Women's Clubs.

Speakers: Mrs. F. W. McKellip of Faribault, State President.

Miss Countryman for the Minneapolis Business Woman's Club.

Mrs. Forrestal for the St. Paul Business Woman's Club.

Monday Afternoon.

Roll call of libraries. Two minutes will be given to each Library to report the most significant or important bit of work for the past year.

Side lights on the A. L. A.—Dr. Johnston.

There and back in a flivver—Miss Charlotte Matson.

Report of A. L. A. Education Committee—Miss Elizabeth Robinson.

Presentation of new plan of affiliation with the A. L. A.

Dinner: Women's City Club, Guests of Twin City Library Club.

Monday Evening.

Reception at the St. Paul Public Library.

Address by representative of Federation of Women's Clubs.

Tuesday Morning.

Report of Certification Board—Miss Baldwin.

Report of Committee on Standardization of Libraries—Miss Hickman.

Report of Committee on Library training—Dr. Johnston.

Report of Committee on Training students in the use of the library—Miss Ely.

Luncheon Session.

Subject: Education for citizenship, Disarmament.

Speakers: Representatives from the League of Women Voters.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Round table conducted by Miss Wood on the Elimination of non-essentials.

Auto ride. **Dinner Session—Gopher Inn, State Capitol.**

Speakers: Mr. James M. McConnell, State Commissioner of Education.

Mr. F. K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minnesota.

Tuesday Evening.

Visit to State Historical Library and Library Division, Dept. of Education.

Trustees Session.

Wednesday Morning.

Subjects for Discussion:

Library Budgets.

Library service for men of the community, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Olson.

"Selling" the Public Library from a newspaper man's point of view.

Luncheon Session.

A joint meeting will be held with the St. Paul Association at its Open Forum. The subject chosen will be of interest both to business men and librarians. The speaker will be announced later.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Joint session will be held with the School Librarian's section of the M. E. A. Book symposium.

Dinner Session at Athletic Club, Guests of St. Paul Association.

Speaker: Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

PROGRAM

The tentative program offers unusual inducements in its broad interests, thorough study of current library problems through the standing committees of the association and opportunities for better acquaintance.

The presence of Dorothy Canfield Fisher will be anticipated as a rare treat.

Special attention is called to the roll call of libraries on Monday afternoon. Let every library represented be prepared to give a two minute report, and above all let every library be represented.

Local book stores have been asked to display books suitable for Children's Book Week and Christmas.

Out-of-town visitors will be guests of the Twin City Library Club at dinner Monday evening and of the Women's Division of the St. Paul Association at dinner Wednesday evening.

Registration. The St. Paul Hotel will be headquarters and all meetings will be held in the Palm Room unless otherwise scheduled. Rates are \$3 a day and upward. Rooms will also be available at the Women's City Club and at other hotels and private boarding places. Those planning to attend are urged to register at once with Della McGregor, Public Library, St. Paul, who is the member of the local committee in special charge of registration. Lists of rooms with prices will be furnished on request.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Local Arrangements:

Mrs. J. T. Jennings, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman.

Miss Della McGregor, St. Paul Public Library, in charge of registration.

Miss Isabel Owens, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Miss Helen Rugg, St. Paul Public Library.

Miss Willa E. Carothers, Librarian, Historical Library.

Miss Helen K. Starr, Hill Reference Library.

Miss Kate Steele, U. of Minnesota Library, acting president Twin City Library Club.

Mr. C. F. Ebel, State Librarian, St. Paul.
Miss Lillian E. Cook, Library Division, Dept. of Education.

Hospital Libraries:

Miss L. Louise Christiansen, Nopeming

Sanatarium, has been added to the committee.

A. L. A. Committee on Education:

Miss Elizabeth Robinson, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman.

Courses of Study in Library Science:

Dr. W. D. Johnston, St. Paul, chairman.

Mrs. J. T. Jennings, St. Paul.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Minneapolis.

Miss Alma Penrose, Carleton College, Northfield.

Mr. F. K. Walter, Miss Ina Firkins, State University.

Miss Harriet Wood, State Department of Education.

Preliminary Report.

1. Courses in Library Science.

The following suggestions are offered for courses in Library Science to be given by the University of Minnesota:

That the entrance requirements be the same as for General Arts Course.

That the first two years of the course be the same as the Arts Course.

That the third year courses be chosen from those especially helpful in library work, e. g. languages, literature, history, sociology, economics and science.

That a reading knowledge of French and German be required for admission to the fourth year, which will be devoted to library science.

That the completion of the four year course lead to the degree of Bachelor of Library Science.

The Library School of the University of Wisconsin and the Carnegie Library School affiliated with the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, give four year courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The technical courses in library science are given in the fourth year.

At the University of Wisconsin the academic courses are given by the University, and the technical library courses are given by the Library School located in the Public Library of Madison, Wisconsin. Similarly, at Pittsburgh the academic work is given by the Carnegie Institute of Technology, and the technical library courses are given by the Carnegie Library School at the Carnegie Library.

Each of these institutions also admits students to the one year of technical library work without the three years of academic work. The entrance require-

ments in this case are the same as for the regular four years course, and in addition demand knowledge of two modern languages. Upon the successful completion of the one year course a certificate is given.

The University of Minnesota should require three years of academic work of students seeking admission to the library courses herein described.

The University of Illinois, the University of California and the University of Washington require a college degree for entrance to their library schools, although formerly the University of Illinois admitted undergraduates to the library courses. It is possible that after a few years the University of Minnesota might require a bachelor's degree for entrance to the library school.

2. Standards of Instruction.

It is recommended that the standards of instruction adopted by the Association of American Library Schools be accepted as the minimum standards of instruction in the University as soon as it becomes possible to organize a library department or school offering the courses above suggested. These are in substance as follows:

The faculty shall aggregate at least two full time instructors, and at least two of the instructors shall have had one year of training in such a library school.

3. First Steps to be Taken in Carrying Out Plan.

It is Recommended—

(1) That immediate provision be made to offer a course in the use of books in the first year, first quarter. This might very well be given by either the University librarian or reference librarian, or by instructors in either of the two city libraries accredited by this committee and by the State Department of Education.

(2) That a course in library work in schools be offered in the fourth year, third quarter. This was given in the College of Education during the year 1915-16 by Miss Wilson, state supervisor of school libraries, and similar arrangements might very well be made with the State Department of Education at this time.

(3) That provision be made by the University for the continuation of the summer school for library training established by the State Department of Education,

with the understanding that university credit will be allowed for work done in this school, and that any graduates of high schools will be admitted to the school.

Training Students in the Use of the Library:

Miss Ruth Ely, Duluth Normal, chairman.

Miss Harriet C. Dutcher, Duluth Public Library.

Miss Beatryce A. Finn, Hibbing High School Library.

Membership Committee:

Margaret Hickman, chairman.

The membership campaign for 1921 shows the following results: 31 new personal memberships and 37 old memberships that have paid dues. There are six new institutional members and nine that have paid the present dues. The new institutional members are:

Buffalo Public Library.

Cloquet Public Library.

Olivia School Library.

Slayton High School Library.

Winona Public Library.

Zumbrota Public Library.

M. E. A. SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION Tentative Program.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 2:30 P. M.

Joint session with the M. L. A. Book symposium.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 2:30 P. M.

Business meeting.

Mr. Frank K. Walter—The top of the system.

Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher—Hillsboro's good luck.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 9 A. M.

Business meeting.

Committee reports and demonstration of instruction of grade pupils in the use of the library.

Address—Miss Harriet Wood.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 12 M.

Luncheon meeting.

Dr. Dallas Lore Sharp will talk.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November 13 to 19, 1921.

(From the speech of Frederic G. Melcher at the Children's Librarians' Section of the American Library Association Conference at Swampscott, Mass., June 21st, 1921.)

America is giving more thought to the subject of its children's reading than is any other country. The literature of all ages and countries is being made available for our young people, new writers are being encouraged, and notable illustrators are giving their best work to renew attention to the established classics. We shall never rest content until every child has his chance in home, school and public library to browse among the best books and thus draw himself out to new strength and new vision.

Children's Book Week, now observed annually in the third week in November, has become the occasion when all who are deeply interested in children's reading join in putting this vital subject dramatically before the public, by lectures, by authors' reading, by book exhibits, by distribution of lists, by newspaper publicity and by any other suitable means.

As parents have become more and more aware of what books can do to enrich growing lives, there has come to them an increased desire for proper guidance and the librarian has cheerfully accepted the role of book counsellor to add to her old task of book distribution. A contact with the parents is added to the contact with the children, and many home libraries have thus been started and grown in healthy directions. Women's clubs and parent-teachers' associations have added discussions of children's books to their regular fall programs.

The schools, too, are as rapidly as possible adding librarians to the regular staff, so that the children are having their study schedules vastly enriched and individual tastes given opportunity to develop.

Leaders in the clubs of boys and girls, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, winter groups and summer, are getting a new realization of the place of books in their work, and club libraries are appearing.

The bookshops have trebled the attention given to children's books, and the progressive stores are putting experts in charge of Juvenile departments with consequent increase in service as well as sales, and satisfaction to the community.

Probably each year brings a million and a half children to the reading age, and there will be finer, abler, sweeter lives if

the reading of books plays its part. As yet, books have only begun to reach these boys and girls, but the interest is growing, the opportunities are increasing, and Children's Book Week of 1921 will move the book forward to more lives and more homes.

The committee in charge of Children's Book Week has reprinted the attractive poster painted by Jessie Willcox Smith, used in 1919 and 1920. Copies of this poster, suggestions for observance of the week, and drawings of the "Thomas Bailey Aldrich book case" for boys to make, may be obtained by those working for Children's Book Week, on request to
Children's Book Week Committee,
Room 212, 334 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

The Bookshelf for boys and girls is announced in a revised edition with complete author index for use in the Children's Book Week campaign. The Library Division will send one copy to each library, but will not be able to supply the list in quantities. Orders should be sent direct to the R. R. Bowker Co., 62 W. 45th St., New York City.

Prices: 50 copies, \$3; 100 copies, \$6; 250 copies, \$14; 500 copies, \$25; 1,000 copies, \$45. Imprint on any order \$1.50 extra.

If small libraries desiring less than 50 copies will write to the Library Division, arrangements may be made to send such orders cooperatively.

COUNTY LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The A. L. A. has just completed a County Library Exhibit. It comprises fourteen panels, 20x26 inches in size, attractively printed on heavy grey cover stock. Thirty real photographs are mounted on the panels with appropriate captions.

The exhibit is prepared for use at state or county fairs, conferences of social workers, teachers, librarians and church workers and at farmers' institutes and club meetings.

The Library Division has procured one of these exhibits which was shown first at the State Conference of Social Workers, at Hibbing, September 10th to 13th. It is available, on payment of transportation, for exhibit at county fairs, club meetings or in any place where there is interest in

county libraries. Please send application immediately to the Library Division, as the schedule is already being made up.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY TRAINING

Thirty students completed the regular six weeks course in library training, which was given this year at the State University—June 20 to July 30. Six others registered for the supplementary course in reference and subject cataloging given during the three weeks beginning July 5th.

The regular course totalled 85 hours including 12 lessons in classification and 18 in cataloging given by Miss Penrose, 12 lectures each in book-selection and reference by Miss Hutchinson, reference librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, 12 lectures on children's books by Miss Wood, four lectures with practical demonstration on mechanical preparation, mending and binding of books by Miss Caroline Shaw of the St. Paul Public Library, and 14 lectures on library administration by Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood.

The supplementary course included 10 lessons in reference work given by Miss Hutchinson at the Minneapolis Public Library and 5 lessons in subject headings by Miss Penrose.

Special lecturers were Miss Frances E. Earhart, formerly librarian of Duluth, who spoke on army libraries; Miss Miriam E. Carey, Supervisor of State Institution Libraries, who told of the increasing use of books in hospitals and other institutions; Miss Ruth Rosholt, of the Minneapolis Public Library, who gave an interesting account of the recent successful campaign for increasing the library tax in Minneapolis; Miss Mary K. Reely and Edith M. Phelps, of the H. W. Wilson Co., who shared an hour in telling of the publications of that company and the method of their compilation; and Mr. J. M. McConnell, State Commissioner of Education. Mr. McConnell said that while the Library Commission has been merged with the Department of Education, it was not submerged, and stated that in the interests of efficiency and economy, public and school libraries should be united. The promotion of the county library idea would mean better service and consequently better pay

for the librarians and he looked forward to state certification of librarians as the best means of raising library standards.

One afternoon was spent in the Minneapolis Public Library and an entire Saturday was devoted to the libraries of St. Paul. A delightful morning was spent in the public library, where the entire equipment—including the ventilating system—was thoroughly investigated. After luncheon at the Woman's City Club, the office of the Library Division and the Historical Library were visited. Miss Wood entertained the class one evening at her home in St. Anthony Park.

The following students were registered:

Catherine A. Barry, Asst. P. L., St. Paul.
Mrs. Mary Belsheim, Libn., P. L., Plainview.

Gladys M. Brown, Reference Libn., Library Division, Dept. of Education, St. Paul.

Margaret G. Campbell, Girls' Vocational H. S., Minneapolis.

Sister Marie Cecilia, Libn., St. Catherine's College, St. Paul.

Jennie G. Craven, H. S. Libn., Wells.

Mrs. F. L. Crowe, H. S. Libn., New Richland.

*Lois C. Davidson, Libn. So. H. S., Minneapolis.

Ethel F. Featherstone, Asst. P. L., Red Wing.

*Mabel Franklin, Libn. H. S., Ely.

Mrs. Christina Frissell, Libn. P. L., Thief River Falls.

Maud Frissell, Asst. P. L., Thief River Falls.

Victoria Gale, Libn. P. L., Paynesville.

Grace C. Garland, Libn. H. S., Appleton.

Clarice Goff, Libn. H. S., Owatonna.

*Mrs. Georgia A. Goss, Libn. P. L., Anoka.

Mrs. Alice M. Grass, Libn. H. S., Slayton.

*Ruth M. Hall, Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.

Selma I. Hogenson, Libn. H. S., Harmony.

Helen R. Hubbard, Lake Elmo.

Mrs. Jennie B. Johnston, Libn. P. L., Mapleton.

Mary McPhee, Asst. P. L., Watertown, S. D.

Gladys G. Miller, Libn. H. S., Hopkins.

Edith L. Mork, Asst. P. L., St. Peter.

Augusta Morrison, Asst. H. S., Hibbing.

Frances E. Raiter, Libn. H. S., Cloquet.

Elizabeth Remfry, Libn. H. S., Proctor.

Mrs. Hannah Robinson, Principal Public School, Isanti.

Mary L. Small, Libn. St. Mary's Hall, Faribault.

Anna May Smith, Asst. St. Catherine's College, St. Paul.

Blanche M. Spooner, Libn. H. S., Long Prairie.

Mrs. Emmy Steinhauer, Libn. H. S., New Ulm.

*Natalie Thompson, Asst. Univ. Farm Library, St. Paul.

Agnes Tomeczak, St. Paul.

Lulu S. Van Horn, H. S. Libn., Faribault.

*Ruth Van Tuyl, Asst. U. of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis.

Iva B. Wolfe, Libn. P. L., Montevideo.

*Supplementary course.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Swampscott conference was generally conceded by those who had the privilege of attending as the banner conference in every respect. Nearly 1,900 were registered, but arrangements were so perfect that there was ample opportunity for acquaintance and personal conferences. The appearance on the program of such well known people as George E. Woodberry, Dallas Lore Sharp, Representative Horace M. Towner, Kenyon C. Butterfield, Glenn Frank, editor of the Century, Robert Frost, Josephine Preston Peabody and Joseph C. Lincoln gave a variety of interest and a literary flavor unequaled in any other previous conference.

At the business meeting, the constitution voted at Colorado Springs was adopted and by-laws were adopted which provide for closer relationship with affiliated societies.

The report of the Committee on National Certification for Librarians presented a tentative scheme of certification, but stated that an annual income of at least \$10,000 would be required before it would be wise to proceed with the organization of a Certification Board.

A new feature was the reports on state problems and state progress in library affairs contributed by the presidents of state library associations or their representatives. Several states reported an effort to secure 100% membership in the state association and A. L. A. membership for all professionally trained workers.

Miss Tyler in her president's address on Some Aspects of Library Progress set forth the great task which confronts all those who have to do with book distribution—"to project the book with its potential service upon the attention and thought of an unawakened people, by means of active and convincing methods". She said that it is the library's obligation to provide for the community the aids and encouragements for mental and intellectual health and growth, to be a clearing house of ideas for the community, and showed how the library has realized certain achievements only to push forward with the goal still ahead and an ardent belief in the results accomplished and the greater yet to be.

She outlined the need of adaptation of the work of the A. L. A. to changing conditions and urged a more definite program for committee activities and more continuity in the plans and policies of the various sections.

Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, of St. Louis, in his paper on The City's Leadership in Book Distribution pointed out the various influences which are bringing city and country together and showed that the county library is simply a central distributing center for rural branch libraries scattered through a wide district surrounding each county seat, paralleling the modern tendency toward substitution of a single, large and well-equipped school house for a whole chain of the old fashioned "little red school houses" in the country districts.

Recreation was delightfully provided in motor trips to Lynn, Marblehead, Salem and other points on the North Shore, and an all day outing to historic Lexington, Concord and Cambridge. An evening reception and literary entertainment was given in the beautiful court of the Boston Public Library, and a trip to Plymouth followed the delightful Sunday in Boston.

The attendance from Minnesota included Dr. Johnston, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Ziegler, Miss Wood, and Miss Carey from the libraries of St Paul; Miss Matson, Miss Ames and Miss Hynes, who motored from Minneapolis; Miss Hurlbert of Hibbing; Miss Laing of Buhl; Miss Lillquist and Miss Gandsey of Chisholm.

Miss Countryman of Minneapolis, was elected a member of the executive board for the coming year.

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The fourth annual meeting of the Lake Region Library Club was held at Little Falls, May 3rd and 4th, 1921.

At 2:30 the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs Margaret McCord, of Alexandria. The librarians were cordially welcomed by Mrs. L. D. Brown, of the library board of Little Falls and a graceful response was given by Mrs. McCord. This was followed by a discussion of some library problems, by Mrs. Lafond and Mrs. Bergheim, of Little Falls, Mr. Kortsch, of Alexandria, Miss Torpey of Morris and Mr. Wilson of Brainerd.

Miss Wood, State Supervisor of School Libraries, gave a most interesting account of her visit to the library schools of Pittsburg and Cleveland. She regretted the fact that in talks on vocational training librarianship was seldom mentioned. As the library movement grows, as the "Books for everybody" slogan grows, and begins to materialize in the form of more libraries there will be great need of trained librarians. The increasing number of school libraries will also require more experts. Mankato Normal is now offering, in its summer session, a library course, with credits, for rural teachers. Miss Wood also told of some interesting work which is being done among the school children of Cleveland.

Miss Amy Lewis, of Fergus Falls, then read a paper "School Library Work in Fergus Falls." She gave a vivid picture of the scope and importance of the work they had undertaken in that city. The school has a contract with the Public Library to do the necessary reference work for the school and pays to the public library \$1150.00 per year for the privilege. The library is now open continuously from 10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. A special librarian is employed to look after the school work. A course of instruction intended to assist the pupils to find their material and understand the resources of the library has been given.

The librarians were then invited to the home of Mrs. H. H. Tanner where delicious tea, sandwiches and cakes were served. This was followed by an auto ride about the city.

In the evening an excellent dinner was given in the domestic science rooms of the High School. Supt. E. B. Bergquist, of Lit-

tle Falls, gave a talk on "the Library from a Teachers Standpoint." He addressed the librarians as "Fellow Educators" and emphasized the importance of leading young people to read and enjoy good books.

After supper the librarians returned to the library and listened to a talk by Mr. Kortsch of Alexandria, on "Library Work In Alexandria." He gave many statistics about the work of the library, comparing their library with others in the state. He has shown his personal interest in the library by attending many of the district and state meetings.

Miss Clara F. Baldwin, of St. Paul, gave a talk on "Library Development". She referred to the failure of the passage of the library bill in the last session of the legislature but stated that much progress could still be made under the present laws. She said "The purpose of the modern library is to disseminate ideas, rather than merely to circulate books; ideas are essential in keeping the community intellectually alive." "The trustees must take an interest in the library and must co-operate with the librarian in the work. The library should serve the greatest number of people at the least possible expense."

The librarians then adjourned to the Maud Moon Weyerhaeuser Hall, a charming room belonging to the Musical Club, where they were delightfully entertained by a recital consisting of readings and music given by the Misses Elaine and Elvira Ruth.

On Wednesday, May 4th, the librarians met at 9:30 A. M. and listened to a paper by Mrs. Marie E. Brick of St. Cloud on "Business and Budgets." This article was full of practical and useful suggestions. She said "Good Business is serving the greatest number of people at the least expense of money and time. A successful library cannot be conducted without the good-will and co-operation of its patrons. The librarian and her assistants must be able to serve the patrons quickly and satisfactorily. Any device, any short cut, which will enable her to save time and give better service is well worth while."

Mrs. Jones, of Brainerd, read a carefully prepared paper on "New Fiction." She discussed, among others, four popular books, namely, "Main Street," "The Moon Calf" "Miss Lulu Betts" and the "Age of Innocence." She gave criticisms from many

sources on the first mentioned book, and stated that some critics now hold that the literary center of America has changed to the "Middle West." One writer contends that Chicago is now the real literary center of America. Mrs. Jones mentioned, briefly, some of the best books of fiction she had encountered this year.

A Round-Table discussion on "Book-Buying and Binding" led by Miss Eva Davis was next on the program and this was followed by a brief business meeting. The resolutions committee consisting of Miss Jean Stewart, Miss Amy Lewis and Miss Agnes Torpey reported. The report of the nominating committee, Mrs. Blanchard, Miss Gale and Miss Davis was accepted and Mrs. Brick of St. Cloud, was made President, Miss Gale of Paynesville, Vice President and Miss Zent, Fergus Falls, Sec'y.-Treas. for the coming year. It was voted that the next meeting be held in Moorhead, Mrs. Brick generously withdrawing her invitation in favor of Miss McCubrey's.

The dangers arising from children visiting movies which are unsuitable and demoralizing was discussed. And a motion was passed that we join a state and national movement in favor of regulating the movies for children and substituting some other recreation for the salacious and sensational movie.

After formal adjournment, the librarians were pleasantly entertained at the home of the librarian Mrs. Blanchard, at a dainty luncheon, and from there were taken to the trains expressing their appreciation of the very cordial and enjoyable hospitality which had been extended to them in Little Falls.

Eva M. Davis,
Sec'y.-Treas.

CLARA BALDWIN RANGE LIBRARY CLUB

The regular meeting of the Clara Baldwin Range Library Club was held in the Virginia Public Library March 16, with Miss Stevens as hostess.

The program for the morning was a review and discussion of recent books, the new school reading list, school magazines, etc. each library being assigned a certain group as follows:

Aurora—Fiction; Biwabik—Fiction; Gilbert—New school reading list; Eveleth—Children's books and books on engineering; Virginia—Poetry and books on interior decoration; Mt. Iron—Books on the Negro problem; Buhl—Travel; Chisholm—History.

The suggestion that the Club ask the St. Louis County Club for a permanent library committee met with the approval of the members and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Elson to that effect.

The April meeting was held in Keewatin with a round table discussion on how to increase summer circulation.

The May meeting of the Club was held in Gilbert on Wednesday, May 18th, Miss Binney hostess.

Members, who responded to roll call by book reviews, were present from Aurora, Biwabik, Gilbert, Eveleth, Virginia, Mt. Iron, Chisholm and Hibbing.

A communication was read from Mr. Elson in which he stated that Miss Hurlbert, Miss Hickman and Miss Laing had been appointed as members of a permanent library committee in the St. Louis County Club.

The program included discussion of books on civic league work—Hibbing; books on gardening—Virginia; books on playground work—Eveleth.

At the conclusion of the program the meeting was adjourned for luncheon which was served at the Teachers' Club where the members of the Library Club were guests of the Gilbert School Board.

In June, the members of the club attended a picnic at Esquagama Lake, near Biwabik.

The July meeting was held at Mountain Iron, with a discussion of books for foreigners, books on Minnesota and an informal discussion of salaries.

On August 27-28, eight members of the club went to International Falls for a week end party, as the guests of Miss Nelle A. Olson and the library board. The librarians were delightfully entertained in cottages at the lake with an all day trip on Rainy Lake in a yacht.

Miss Stella Stebbins, Mountain Iron, has been elected president and Miss Hazel Laing, Buhl, secretary for the coming year.

BUYING LIST FOR SMALL LIBRARIES

AIDS FOR LIBRARIANS

Bookshelf for boys and girls. New edition with an index. See note under Children's Book Week.

Dewey, Melvil. Abridged decimal classification. Ed. 3 rev. 1921. Forest Press, Lake Placid Club, N. Y. 3.25 025

A revision, more complete than the second, issued in 1917. Many explanatory notes from the full tables are included and more subsections appear. The new scheme for Modern history given in Ed. 10 of the full tables has been included in brief form.

Miller, Z. K. How to organize a library. 1921. illus. Library bureau, paper, free. 025

"A brief pamphlet describing the most essential library records and the simplest methods of carrying on a small library. Written for the beginner in library work."

Progress of the world.

This is an illustrated periodical, showing the progress in mechanical and industrial lines, which the Library Division can lend to librarians. For fuller notice see School Libraries Department notes.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Babson, R. W. Fundamentals of prosperity. Revell. 1.00 174

Short inspiring talks on business and religion by a business man of national reputation. Partially reprinted from magazines. His "Religion and Business" (Macmillan, 2.75) is better known and treats the subject more fully but is pretty expensive.

Bok, Edward. Americanization of Edward Bok. Scribner, 3.00. New edition, former price 5.00. 921 or B

"Mr. Bok has done more than merely carry the reader with him along the pleasant paths he has trod. He has thought deeply upon the problem of the immigrant and the result is a valuable contribution."—Bookman.

Boyle, J. E. Rural problems in the United States. McClurg, 1.00. 630

Brief but accurate and worth while volume treating of the country home, the church, the store, the bank, the newspaper and the home and farm bureau. Shows that the uplift of the rural community depends upon itself.

Collinwood, H. W. Hope Farm notes. Harcourt, 2.00. 814

Twenty-five articles by the editor of the *Rural New Yorker* showing the brighter and more cheerful side of farm life. "The casual reader can open the book at any page and be gripped by the human interest there."—Springfield Republican.

Conklin, George. Ways of the circus. Harper, 2.25. 791

These rambling tales of a veteran showman, famous in his day as a lion tamer, will have wide appeal. Indirectly they reveal a curious world with men, manners and morals peculiar to itself, and describe feats ranging from the handling of a lion to the tricks of sideshow and the making of circus lemonade.—A. L. A.

Crothers, S. M. Dame school of experience. Houghton, 2.00. 814

"This volume of a dozen essays is bound to be one of the most popular books of the season, and while it appeals primarily to the man and woman of literary culture its wisdom as well as its wit will draw many others to whom common sense clothed in humor appeals particularly."—*Springfield Republican*.

Curwood, J. O. God's country. Cosmopolitan, 1.25. 210

Four essays in which the author tells of his nature religion. "This book wasn't written for ministers and 'good folks', in fact its theology is its weakest point—but who cares for theology when some of the original stuff from which theology was squeezed can be had."—*Pub. Weekly*.

Deming, N. H. comp. Pieces for every day the schools celebrate. Noble, 2.00. 808.8

Although many of the old standards are included, there is also much new material, giving a fair representation to contemporary literature. In addition to selections for the well known holidays there are included pieces for Red Cross day, Peace day, Mother's day, Constitution day and Roosevelt's birthday. There are also quotations for each day.—A. L. A.

Folwell, W. W. History of Minnesota. Minnesota historical society. 977

The librarians of the state have been circularized in regard to this. Doubtless you will want this work in your library. The regular price of the first volume to non-members of the Society will be \$5.00, but arrangements have now been made whereby public and school libraries in the state can secure it and all future publications of the Society, including its quarterly magazine, the Minnesota History Bulletin, on a subscription basis. The subscription rate is only \$2.00 for the publications of each fiscal year—July 1 to June 30—payable July 1. This is the same as the dues paid by annual members and is less than the cost of the publications.

The Folwell volume is considered as a publication of the fiscal year 1920-21, although its distribution has been delayed until after the end of that year. To secure it, therefore, it will be necessary for you to send \$4.00 to pay for subscriptions for 1920-21, and 1921-22. You will then receive all the publications of both years, not already sent to you.

Hammond, J. H. Great American issues. Scribner, 2.00. 304

A review of post-war problems of government, business and labor. The suggestions offered for their solution are not based on fundamental changes in the social structure, but on a consistent process of betterment. The last section is a critical estimate of current social philosophies.—A. L. A.

The Following are also Good:

Binder, R. M. Major social problems. Prentice-Hall, 2.00.

King, H. C. New mind for a new age. Revell, 1.50.

Speare & Norris. Vital forces in current events. Ginn, .88.

Haviland, M. S. Character training in childhood. Small, 2.00. 173

Good judgment, experience and a knowledge of psychology underlie this simply and sensibly written book.—A. L. A. Can also use CABOT, Mrs. E. L. Seven ages of childhood. Houghton, 2.75.

Irwin, W. H. Next war. Dutton, 1.50. 172

A book which cannot be too widely or too carefully read for it contains a real and vital message.—Boston Transcript.

Jackson, J. A. Outwitting our nerves.

Century, 2.50. 612

Outwitting the nerves both by learning some of the explanations of nervousness as given by psychoanalyst and physicians and by cheerful, busy living outside of one's own thoughts, avoiding drugs and the thinking about health as much as possible. A sensible book, helpful to many readers in any library.—A. L. A.

One of the most sensible popular explanations of psychoanalysis is the book by O'Higgins, H. J. Secret springs. Harper, 2.00.

Levermore, C. H. ed. American song book.

Ginn, .72. 784

Thirty-eight familiar and folk songs; twenty-four college songs; thirty-seven hymns and thirty-three songs of loyalty to the cause of humanity. High schools will like these because of choice of songs, not new, but seldom found in academy collections, and because of the simplicity of musical arrangements.—A. L. A.

Pithkin, W. B. Must we fight Japan? Century, 2.50. 327

Dispassionate, detailed discussion of racial and economic problems which may bring war. Deals with Japan's needs fully and fairly. Suggests various solutions. Valuable for debate and club work. N. Y. Libraries.

For exhaustive treatment get "Hearings on Japanese immigration" published in four volumes by the House of Representatives Committee on Immigration.

Smith, H. L. Your greatest job, school or business. Appleton, 1.00. 370

The author's object is to give the boy the necessary incentive to develop the will power that will enable him to go through with an arduous task for the sake of his future.—Bk. Rev. Digest. Many concrete suggestions for both boys and their parents.—A. L. A.

Untermeyer, Louis. ed. Modern American poetry. Harcourt, 2.00. New ed. 811

This verse is remarkable for vigor and energy, form being sacrificed for content. An interesting feature is the group of seven poems on Lincoln by seven different poets.—Cleveland, 278 poems by 98 authors. Contains a detailed preface tracing the development of our poetry since Whitman.

Wilson, G. G. First year of the League of Nations. Little, 1.25. 341

Admirably brief and clear presentation of what anyone interested in the formation of a league of nations will want to know.—Pub. Weekly.

ADULT FICTION

Brown, E. A. Journey's end. Lothrop, 1.75.

A wholesome readable story of a doctor who returns from the war and settles in the little Massachusetts town where he had always lived with a Quaker uncle and aunt. A Chinese dragon image supplies mystery and the girl next door the love story.

Evarts, H. G. Yellow horde. Little, 1.75.

Story of Breed, half wolf and half coyote, mate of Shady, dog-coyote; his wanderings and his killings; and how, as leader of the pack, he finally took them as far north as the Arctic.

Fisher, Mrs. D. C. Brimming cup. Harcourt, 2.00.

Able psychological novel which exactly reverses, as it happens, the theme of "Main Street"—its text being the cultural opportunity of American village life. Plot is a variant of the usual "triangle", character being stressed. Contains notably delicate and attractive sketches of children.—N. Y. Libraries.

Harris, Mrs. C. M. My son. Doubleday, 1.90.

The "Circuit rider's wife" here tells of the ministry of her son and how he grew from a popular pastor to a man of real spiritual power. "The mother does not seem to be a fictitious character. She is as real as one's grandmother, and speaks with the same homely old-fashioned wisdom. The character sketches with which the book is filled are crisp, delightful and true to fact."—N. Y. Times.

Irwin, W. A. Seed of the sun. Doran, 2.00.

Story of two New York girls who, going to live on a fruit ranch which they have inherited in the Sacramento valley, find themselves surrounded by the veiled hostility of the Japanese settlers. A telling presentation of the serious situation arising from Japanese settlements in California and an entertaining love story as well.—N. Y. Libraries.

Lincoln, J. C. Galusha the magnificent. Appleton, 2.00.

It is a simple unpretentious story, and its dozen or more characters come face to face with the reader as if they were met actually in the flesh.—Boston Transcript.

Livingston, F. B. Custard cup. Doran, 1.90.

A "Mrs. Wiggs" story of "Penzie" who was care-taker at the Custard cup—a group of tenement houses—and of the children and other people whom she befriends.

Mitchell, R. C. Play the game. Appleton, 1.75.

Honor Carmody and "Jimsy" King, boy and girl friends, school chums and later sweethearts, "play the game" together. "A pretty, real picture of normal youth in California, U. S. A. D. 1921."

Sawyer, Ruth. Silver sixpence. Harper, 1.75.

A story of the theater and of the actual business of putting on plays. "The manner of the telling of this story is well above the average and there are a freshness and originality about the details that make it very enjoyable."—N. Y. Evening Post.

Tarkington, Booth. Alice Adams. Doubleday, 1.75.

Both a pathetic and an amusing story of the small town girl whose working class family are unable to keep up her social standing after she leaves high school. The efforts of the family to make good are of no use and Alice finally passes "that dark entrance to the wooden stairway leading up to Frincke's Business College—the very doorway she had always looked upon as the end of youth and the end of hope."—A. L. A.

Train, A. C. As it was in the beginning. Macmillan, 1.75.

A padded short story of a New York lawyer who had to go to England to hurry up an important case, telling of his delays, his annoyances and finally his willing acquiescence.

Willsie, Honore. Enchanted canyon. Stokes, 2.00.

The influence of the Grand canyon on a fourteen year old street waif of New York.

how he becomes great politically, how he returned to the canyon and found love and adventure there.

Wilson, H. L. Wrong twin. Doubleday, 1.75.

Amusing story of twins, one of whom was adopted by a wealthy family and the other left to manage himself. The war tests the two and proves the worth of the boy who had helped himself.

JUVENILE

Ashmun, Margaret. Isabel Carlton at home. Macmillan, 2.25.

Probably the last of the Isabel Carlton stories. Tells of Isabel's junior year, her home and school activities and ends with her engagement to Rodney Fox.

Ames, J. B. Emerald Buddha. Small, 1.50. A very good adventure story with the scene laid in Borneo and China.

Babson, R. W. Central American journey. World Book Co., 1.20. 917.28

This reader is written in the form of the travels of a family in Central America and gives much accurate and entertaining information about the manners and customs of the people.

Baldwin, James. Sailing the seas. American Book Co., 1.00. 656

Much information in the form of a sailor's log about the merchant marine. Includes whalers, tramp steamers, and ocean liners. Illustrated.

Blanchard, A. E. Lucky Penny of Thistle troop. Wilde, 1.75.

A girl scout story with fun and work and a Belgian refugee who becomes a member of the troop.

Davies, E. C. Boy in Serbia. Crowell, 1.50.

Depicts in an intimate way the home life of a child of the upper-farmer class, telling of the superstitious customs and the peaceful, honest life before the war. Some quaint legends are woven into the tale. Charmingly simple, dignified and instructive and filled with a joyous appreciation of home and country.—A. L. A.

Dyer, W. A. Sons of liberty. Holt, 1.50.

A story for boys of the high school age, of the life and times of Paul Revere.

Hawes, C. B. Mutineers. Atlantic monthly, 2.00.

A splendid, straight forward tale of a lad who goes as a ship's boy on a voyage to Canton, China, and who plays a man's part through appalling times of murder and mutiny. Very well written and absorbingly interesting.—Wisconsin Bul.

Flora, Margaret. Animal-land children. Beckley-Cardy, .55.

Amusing stories in which the habits of different animals are told by describing their parts in the conquest for Mr. Owl's spectacles of wisdom. Black and white illustrations.—A. L. A.

Laing, M. E. Hero of Longhouse. World Book Co., 1.60. 970.1

An entirely authentic story of the real historical Hiawatha, statesman and law-giver, and founder of the League of Five Nations. A supplementary reader for the sixth grade.

Perkins, Mrs. L. F. Italian twins. Houghton, .96.

A delightful story of child life in Italy pic-

turing all classes. Has all the charm and attractiveness of the other "Twin" books and is about half the price of the original edition.

Richards, L. E. Honor bright. Page, 1.75.

The story of a sunny tempered little American girl who has unusual experiences in a French boarding school in Switzerland and in the Alps with a peasant family. Quaint in style with a gentle well bred atmosphere, though not equal to some of the author's earlier stories.

Rihbany, A. M. Hidden treasure of Rasmala. Houghton, 1.75.

Story of the search for hidden treasure giving a perfectly delightful picture of home life in Syria and of oriental customs and superstitions. Rather expensive but well worth while.

Ruskin, John. King of the Golden River and Dame Wiggin of Lea and her seven wonderful cats. Lippincott, .75. 398 Well bound; clear type; four colored halftones.—A. L. A.

Sampson, R. M. School girl allies. Lothrop, 1.35.

A Belgian boarding school story before the war. "It is a long and interesting story telling in detail the life of the girls in the pensionnat, so different from a school of the same class in this country."—N. Y. Times.

Schultz, J. W. Dreadful river cave. Houghton, 1.75.

Chief Black Elk tells of the adventures of his younger days, when the clan was encamped in the timbered bottom lands of Montana. There is much action, mystery and Indian lore which rings true.—A. L. A.

Schwartz, J. A. Little star gazers. Stokes, 1.00. 523

Attractive volume with beautiful colored illustrations containing four stories of ancient Egypt, Greece, Italy at the time of the renaissance and modern times and what the stars meant to the people of those ages. Poor physical makeup.

Seton, E. T. Woodland tales. Doubleday, 2.00. 504

They are very short stories of things to see in each season, things to know, things to do and things to remember. These are nature myths, scientific observations and games and tests for alertness. Excellent material for teachers of grades 3-6.—A. L. A.

Sypril, Johanna. Cornelli. Lippincott, 1.50.

One of the author's longer stories of a sensitive little girl containing much of the mountain atmosphere of Heidi. The character and plot interest should interest older girls.

Verrill, A. H. Islands and their mysteries. Duffield, 1.50. 551

A book for the older children giving a non-technical account of how islands are formed and the plant and animal vegetation. Also "the author has touched lightly upon the romance of islands and their influence upon the development and history of the human race."

Wickes, F. G. Happy holidays. Rand, .75. 808.8

An illustrated volume containing stories and poems about the various holidays. Has nothing on the history of the days, but is fine for story telling or for reading. In addition to the usual material there are chapters on Labor day, Columbus day, May day, Mother's day and Flag day.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NOTE—Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. These should be real news items, indicating some definite progress, or new plan which may be suggestive to other libraries. Notes should be sent to the Director of Libraries by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Austin. The public library is building up a collection of books on business, and personal calls have been made on many of the business men to call their attention to this service.

A loan exhibit of old books from Mower County aroused considerable interest, the oldest book contributed being a German Bible bound in parchment and published in 1581.

Brainerd. Mrs. W. C. Rasch, a member of the Brainerd library board, addressed the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon on the needs of the library. About three times the present budget is needed to keep the library open daily and render adequate service to the community.

Chisholm. The Chisholm public library commenced a bus service to seven mining locations in the district in July. One of the busses of the local transportation company is engaged for one afternoon each week. Adjustable book-cases have been constructed to hold 800 to 900 books, and a folding table fits in back of the driver's seat. The whole equipment can be set in place in ten minutes.

Four new floor stacks have been added to the equipment.

Cloquet. A club room, lecture room and kitchen have been furnished in the basement of the new library, which have been in use constantly since their completion.

Fergus Falls. Mr. W. J. Hamilton, secretary of the Indiana Library Commission, who was spending his vacation in Fergus Falls, addressed a meeting of the library board, giving many useful suggestions for improving the library service and dwelling especially on the county library plan. Indiana has a good county library law under which thirteen county libraries are now operating.

Grand Rapids. The library received an appropriation of \$1000 from the county board in July and will increase its county service. A gift of \$50 for purchase of new books was made by the Woman's Club.

International Falls. The librarian, Miss

Nelle A. Olson, has a column of Public Library Notes in the monthly Commercial Club Bulletin which contains entertaining news items about the work of the library, gossip about new books and notes on magazine articles of special interest to men.

Jackson. Plans for library rooms have been included in the new community building and armory which was started August 1st.

Little Falls. The second floor of the library is being furnished by a friend of the library for a reference room to relieve the over-crowded condition on the main floor.

Mapleton. The library has leased a part of the basement to the local post of the American Legion for twenty-five years. The Legion will furnish and equip this room.

Minneapolis. The charter amendment raising the library's maximum from one to two mills was carried on June 13th by a vote of 119,000, 87,000 being required to pass. A splendidly organized campaign of publicity and education was carried out, joining the issue with that of the schools, and the slogan "Save our Schools and Libraries" won the day. The library will resume full service October 1st, funds for this purpose being borrowed from the bequest of Mrs. Mary Heaton which is now available.

The Board of Estimate and Taxation has fixed the 1922 levy at $1\frac{1}{4}$ mills which gives a total of \$342,000 for next year's budget, within \$5,000 of the amount estimated as necessary by the librarian.

The County Commissioners of Hennepin County unanimously voted a one-mill tax for library extension in the county outside the city of Minneapolis. This is the first county in the state to take advantage of the county library law passed in 1919. Hennepin County has been paying \$1000 annually to reimburse the Minneapolis Public Library for the circulation of books in the county, but the one-mill tax will provide a fund of about \$33,000 through which adequate service will be possible. Residents from all parts of the county attended the meeting to make petition for the tax levy.

Minneota. The public library has been removed from the school building to its former location in the village hall. The library board, with the assistance of the

women's clubs, recently gave a benefit, the receipts from which, amounting to \$180, will be used for purchase of books.

Moorhead. Owing to the increase in the use of the reference department, and to afford more accommodations for study, the basement rooms have been re-decorated and are being furnished for a children's library, which will be ready for occupancy this fall.

Watonna. Improvements during the past year include shelving for the reference alcove, atlas rack, vertical file, pamphlet boxes and bulletin case, and the removal of the charging desk to the center of the building where there is much better supervision and the appearance of the room is greatly improved. The county system has been reorganized, a special county collection has been started and twenty-three traveling library cases have been purchased. Regular stations are now in operation at Blooming Prairie, Havana, Hope, Ellendale, Medford, Bixby, Clinton Falls and Meriden.

Pine City. A library association has been organized in Pine City, with a fund of \$260 in the treasury, including \$180 which was the proceeds of a lyceum course given by the W. C. T. U.

Rochester. A Committee of fifteen has been appointed by the Civic and Commerce Association to confer with the Library board regarding the question of a new library building, which is very much needed.

A beginning of hospital library service has been made, the library supplying the books and the hospital furnishing the welfare workers to try out the plan in one of the hospitals. Books and magazines have also been donated by a newspaper man and some of the doctors.

Rushford. A gift of \$2000 has been made to the Rushford Public Library by Hugh Cooper, a well known engineer. The use of the money is limited to purchase of books and equipment and may not be used for building purposes.

St. Paul. During the summer the Central Library was closed at 6 P. M.

The St. Paul Institute has transferred its library to the City. It consists of 487 French books and 419 German books, a total of 906 volumes.

The article by Miss Perrie Jones in

Minnesota Medicine for July, entitled "Library Service in the Hospitals of St. Paul" has been reprinted as a pamphlet.

A leaflet entitled "Information about St. Paul" reprinted from the St. Paul Association Bulletin of May 21 has been posted in the Post Office and other public places. It contains information about guide books and other books relating to the City.

The Library has published the following booklists in revised editions: "Building Trades," and "Electric engineering," and the following new lists: "Out-of-door-life," and "Outdoor Sports." Book mark lists have been printed on "Home furnishing," "Home Economics," "Birds," "Flowers and Ferns," and "Camping."

The St. Paul Public Library has a number of duplicates which might be of use to some of the smaller libraries of the state. An exhibition of them will be held in the Catalog division Oct. 31—Nov. 5, and visiting librarians are invited to select any books which may be of service to their libraries.

Zumbrota. The library appropriation has been increased to \$1000 for next year.

PERSONAL

Mr. Robert W. G. Vail, librarian of the Minnesota Historical Society, resigned to accept a position as assistant director of the bureau of research and information of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, New York City. Mr. Vail began his new work July 1st and writes with enthusiasm of his work which is under the direction of Hermann Hagedorn.

Miss Wilhelmina E. Carothers, head cataloger of the Historical Library, has been appointed librarian to succeed Mr. Vail. Miss Elizabeth K. Clark, of the University of Idaho, formerly of the Duluth Public Library, has been appointed head cataloger, and Miss Clara M. Penfield, of the U. S. Air Service Library, Washington, D. C., assistant cataloger, Jacob Hodnefield, M. A. University of Minnesota, who was formerly connected with the Order and Exchange Department of the University of Illinois, has been appointed head of the Accession Department.

Miss Sarah E. LeCrone, librarian of Faribault Public Library for more than twenty years, has resigned, but will continue with the library as first assistant.

Miss Julia M. Fink, Wisconsin Library

School, 1918, formerly High School librarian at Aurora, Ill. has become librarian at Faribault.

Miss Della F. Northey for the past year librarian at Mankato, has resigned to accept the position of state supervisor of school libraries in Indiana.

Miss Eva Squire formerly children's librarian at Sioux City, Iowa, has been elected first assistant in charge of work with children and young people at Mankato, employed jointly by the library board and school board for work in the school and library.

Miss Celia Frost, Miss Angeline McNeil and Mrs. Lydia Pritchard have resigned from the Hibbing library staff. Miss Frost and Miss McNeil have returned to their homes and Mrs. Pritchard has been appointed police woman for the village. Miss Louise M. Boerlage, came to the library in May as circulating librarian. Miss Esther Friedman has returned from Wisconsin Library School and is at present in charge of the South Hibbing Branch. Miss Violet Baker has returned from Western Reserve Library School as general assistant. Miss Florence Davidson, who attended the University of Illinois library summer school, is assistant to the extension librarian, succeeding Miss Dorothy Gaffney who is attending the State University.

Margaret Gilpin, Librarian of the Nashwaik Public and School Library, has resigned to become librarian at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis.

Miss Gena Granum, librarian of Thief River Falls, has resigned to be married, and Mrs. Christina Frissell has been appointed to succeed her.

Mrs. Mary Belsheim has been appointed librarian at Plainview to succeed Miss Kate Biers, resigned.

Miss Jessie L. Phillips has been made librarian of the Bemidji public library, succeeding Miss Kathryn McGregor who resigned to be married.

Miss Ruth Van Tuyl, who had charge of the school library work at Fergus Falls last year resigned and has become assistant in the cataloging department of the University of Minnesota. Miss Augusta Bjeldanes has been appointed school librarian.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

It is hoped that courses will be introduced into the State University and all of the colleges and normal schools in the state engaged in preparing teachers for their work. There is a great demand for teachers with a knowledge of Library Methods and also for full-time librarians. There is no possibility of meeting this demand until training is offered in our educational institutions.

A number of very interesting new library training projects are under way.

County Institutes—Library Course. A regular course in Library Work will be given as a part of the county institute program during the next three months. There are seven teams of institute workers, two in each team. One member of each team is to give one hour's instruction each day during the five days of each institute. During the week of September 12—16 Miss Wood gave a course of lessons to the institute workers. About 8,000 rural teachers and 40,000 country children will be reached. The one hundred Teacher Training Classes in high schools are invited to attend the institutes. Miss Anna Swenson, Assistant Inspector of Rural Schools, requested that this work be undertaken. Local librarians are asked to help the institute work as much as possible.

Mankato Teachers College—Summer Course for Rural Teachers. Under the direction of Miss Alice N. Farr, Librarian, a half credit course for rural teachers was given at the Mankato Teachers College for the first time this summer. Twenty-five students were in the class and many more were eager to take the work. The course aimed to cover the following points:

Value of the library to the rural school and community cooperation with agricultural clubs, reading clubs and other agencies.

Sources of help furnished by the state.
Selection of books for the rural school library.

Collection, care and use of pamphlet material, government bulletins, pictures, etc.

Library organization.

Important reference books and how to use them.

Practical work by the students on each of the problems discussed was an important part of the course.

Carleton College—Library Course. The Associate Director of the Carleton College Library, Miss Alma M. Penrose, is planning to give two courses in library training during the coming year. One is the Teachers' Course in Library Administration which was re-established last year, and the other is a new course of twelve lessons incorporated in a course on "How to Study" which is elective by freshmen and sophomores. Although not a required course there are usually three sections. In this latter course, Mr. Headley, Director of the School of Education, will give part of the work. The outlines are as follows:

**Teachers' Course in Library
Administration**

First Semester.

Lesson 1. Introductory. Ordering. Mechanical preparation.

Lesson 2. Accessioning and withdrawal.

Lesson 3. Classification (General survey) Book numbers.

Lesson 4. Loan systems. Magazine checking.

Lesson 5—19. Reference (Includes use of catalog, magazines, pamphlets and clippings).

Lesson 20. Mending and binding.

Lesson 21. Routine of organization and miscellaneous hints.

Lessons 23—34. Classification.

Lesson 35. Exam.

Second Semester.

Lessons 1—33. Cataloging and Book selection.

Alternate. 18 lessons in Cataloging.

15 lessons in Book selection.

Lesson 34—35. Teaching the use of the library.

Lesson 36. Exam.

**Library Lessons for Freshmen and
Sophomores.**

Incorporated in a course on How to study.

Lesson 1. Arrangement of the Library. Classification and shelf arrangement. Loan system. Reserves. General rules and regulations.

Lesson 2. Use of the card catalog.

Lesson 3. Pamphlets and magazine indexes.

Lesson 4. How to use ordinary books. Information found on title-page, ed. date, etc. Difference between table of contents and index. Use of each. Abbreviations in

indexes. Why prefaces are worth reading. Bibliographies in books.

Lesson 5. Dictionaries.

Lesson 6. Encyclopedias, year-books and almanacs.

Lesson 7. Biographical and historical reference books.

Lesson 8. Geographic reference books.

Lesson 9. Ref. books on sociology, economics, fine arts and education.

Lesson 10. Ref. books on literature.

Lesson 11. Government documents.

Lesson 12. Debate books, Bibliographies. The best way to go about investigating a subject and preparing a bibliography.

St. Catherine's College—Library Course.

A semester course of three hours per week in Library Science is announced by St. Catherine's College. Sister Marie Cecelia, the librarian, will give the instruction.

Minnesota Library Aid Lists. A complete revision of the Elementary School List will soon be issued. This list will include the original entries and the supplements issued in 1919, 1920 and 1921. Advanced mimeographed copies of the 1921 supplement have been sent to the superintendents of the state. Attention is called to the fact that these entries will appear in the revised catalog. The old 1918-19 "Blue List" will be useful for annotations as the new list will be issued without notes. A brief supplementary list for high schools will be issued soon. Book prices are unusually high and schools are urged to be particularly careful in making a wise expenditure of their book funds.

Superintendents are urged to notify Miss Wood of any changes among school librarians and those who have not reported a school librarian in June are requested to do so at once.

Geography Teachers.

The Library Division has subscribed for the publication "Progress of the World." This comes in two portfolios each month and comprises a pictorial record of achievements in inventions, engraving, science, manufacturing, industrial development, etc. The Division is glad to lend these to the school and public librarians for limited periods. Your application will be put on file and the numbers will be sent you throughout the year as they are received. We believe they will be of interest to all boys and especially useful in geography and civics courses.